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In re: Ekwuribe et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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**IN THE TITLE**

Please delete the current title and substitute therefor:

--METHODS OF ALTERING THE BINDING AFFINITY OF A PEPTIDE TO ITS  
RECEPTOR--